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APPLICATION TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN DAVIDOFF HUTCHER & CITRON LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTOR EFFECTIVE AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024

TO: THE HONORABLE SEAN H. LANE, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

The above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), by its Chief Restructuring Officer, Mitchell Steiman, hereby submits this application (the "<u>Application</u>") seeking entry of an order authorizing the Debtor's retention of Davidoff Hutcher & Citron LLP ("<u>DHC</u>") as its attorneys in this Chapter 11 case. In support of its Application, the Debtor respectfully represents as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue of this proceeding and this Motion in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The statutory basis for the relief requested herein are section 327(a) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C., et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code").

- 3. On February 13, 2024 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Chapter 11 Case").
- 4. The Debtor has continued in possession of its property and the management of its business affairs as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to §§ 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No examiner or statutory committee has been appointed.
- 5. Formed in 2019, the Debtor was organized under the laws of the State of New York to acquire title to the property located at 5 Quickway Road, Monroe, NY 10950 (the "Property").
- 6. The Debtor intends to utilize the Chapter 11 process to embark on a robust marketing campaign to refinance or sell the Property through bankruptcy process and, if necessary, an auction sale, thereby giving creditors the best opportunity to be paid in full.

RELIEF REQUESTED

- 7. The Debtor seeks to retain DHC as its attorneys in the Chapter 11 Case. Accordingly, the Debtor requests entry of an order in substantially the form annexed hereto as **Exhibit "B"** and pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §327(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a) authorizing the Debtor to employ and retain DHC as its attorneys to perform services necessary in the Chapter 11 Case.
 - 8. The professional services DHC will render to the Debtor include the following:
 - a. To give advice to the Debtor with respect to its powers and duties as Debtor-in-Possession and the continued management of its property and affairs.
 - b. To negotiate with creditors of the Debtor and work out a plan of reorganization and take the necessary legal steps in order to effectuate such a plan including, if need be, negotiations with the creditors and other parties in interest.
 - c. To prepare the necessary answers, orders, reports and other legal papers

- required for a debtor who seeks protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- d. To appear before the Bankruptcy Court to protect the interest of the Debtor and to represent the Debtor in all matters pending before the Court.
- e. To attend meetings and negotiate with representatives of creditors and other parties in interest.
- f. To advise the Debtor in connection with any potential refinancing of secured debt and any potential sale of the business.
- g. To represent the Debtor in connection with obtaining post-petition financing.
- h. To take any necessary action to obtain approval of a disclosure statement and confirmation of a plan of reorganization.
- i. To perform all other legal services for the Debtor which may be necessary for the preservation of the Debtor's estate and to promote the best interests of the Debtor, its creditors and the estate.
- 9. The Debtor selected DHC for the reason that DHC and certain of its attorneys have had extensive experience representing debtors in proceedings before this Court and are well suited to represent the Debtor in the instant proceedings.
- 10. It is necessary for the Debtor to employ DHC for such professional services pursuant to §327 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- or any other party in interest or their attorneys. The declaration of Jonathan S. Pasternak (the "Pasternak Declaration") as to DHC's disinterestedness is annexed hereto as **Exhibit** "A." To the best of the Debtor's knowledge, DHC does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtor's estates, except as maybe set forth in the Pasternak Declaration. The Debtor, therefore, believes that DHC is a "disinterested person" as defined in Bankruptcy Code §101(14), and DHC's employment is necessary and in the best interest of the Debtor and its estate.

12. Subject to Court approval, compensation will be paid to DHC for services

provided on an hourly basis plus reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses incurred. DHC

Bankruptcy Practice Group's 2024 hourly rates for matters related to these Chapter 11

proceedings are as follows:

Attorneys

\$475-\$850

Paraprofessionals

\$195-\$260

13. The hourly rates above are subject to periodic adjustment to reflect economic and

other conditions. The hourly rates above are standard, if not below standard, rates for work of

this nature. These rates are designed to fairly compensate DHC for the work of its attorneys and

paralegals and to cover fixed routine overhead expenses.

14. DHC will be paid for the legal services rendered upon application duly filed with

this Court and order(s) pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §330 and 331.

15. The Debtor desires to employ DHC pursuant to Bankruptcy Code §327 because of

the extensive legal services, which are required and indeed are anticipated for a successful

reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor prays for an Order of this Court authorizing it to employ and

retain DHC to represent it as counsel in this proceeding under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy

Code, together with such other and further relief as appears just to this Court, for all of which no

previous application has been made.

Dated: White Plains, New York

February 22, 2024

QUICKWAY ESTATES LLC

By: /s/ Mitchell Steiman

Mitchell Steiman, Chief Restructuring Officer

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